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## WELCOME TO WKND



MATT JUUL, BOSTON FEATURES EDITOR

Local movie theaters are going to be packed all weekend long as "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" flies onto the big screen. The latest installment of the sci-fi franchise features the return of Rey, Finn and the rest of the "Force Awakens" newbies, as well as fan-favorite characters Chewbacca, Leia and, yes, even Luke Skywalker. From interviews with the cast and crew to events around Boston, we've got you covered on everything "Star Wars." May the Force be with you.

## SOMERVILLE LIGHTS UP

Take a festive trolley ride around Somerville this weekend and see how the city's neighborhoods are lighting up for the holiday season. Get the details on this year's Illuminations tour and find out what else is going on this weekend. **For more, see pages 10-11.**



## THE FORCE IN BOSTON



Return to a galaxy far, far away and channel your inner Jedi (or Sith) at these "Star Wars" events around town this weekend. See how Boston plans to celebrate "Episode VIII." **For more, see pages 8-9.**

## 5 THINGS TO DO

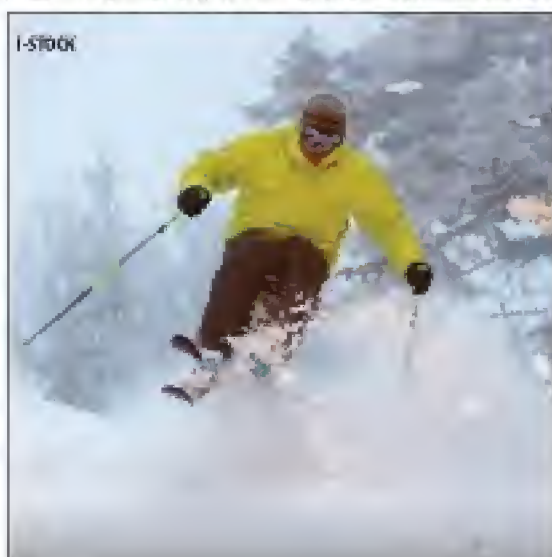
## LUKE SKYWALKER STRIKES BACK

Luke Skywalker is ready to dust off his old lightsaber. Ahead of "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" hitting theaters, Metro chatted with actor Mark Hamill about returning to his iconic role. **For more, see pages 4-5.**



## EXPLORE SKIING HISTORY

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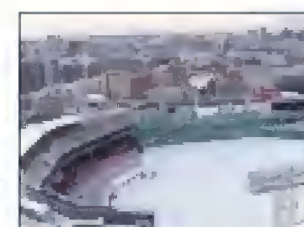


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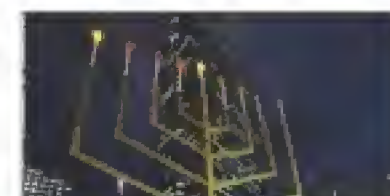


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# Mark Hamill, the modest Jedi

He's not "just" Luke Skywalker — he's one of the greatest movie heroes of all time. GABRIEL HUERTA / MWN

As the world prepares for the year's most anticipated movie release, Metro had the opportunity to speak with Mark Hamill and learn about his return to the franchise, his place within the cast, his opinions on spoilers and more.

He first hit the big screen as Skywalker a whopping 40 years ago, and has donned a light saber in subsequent sequels over the decades that followed. So what should we expect from Hamill in "The Last Jedi"?

According to him, he doesn't consider himself the protagonist of the

film. Rather, his role "is more akin to what Sir Alec Guinness did in our films," Hamill says, and thus he'll become more of an ensemble actor than all-encompassing sun in the center of the Star Wars universe. This despite director Rian Johnson mentioning that Luke Skywalker's role "is going to be the centerpiece of this movie."

So ... how much Hamill? "At least twice as much as in Episode VII," he says.

For him, returning to the saga was somewhat surreal.

"I never expected

to come back," Hamill tells us. "We had a beginning, a middle and an end, and in like any fairy tale, they lived happily ever after. All conflicts were resolved. We were under the impression that Episodes VII, VIII and IX would be so far in the future that we wouldn't be involved. When we found out that they wanted us back, it was a combination of exhilaration and sheer terror."

Part of this terror was disappointing the franchise's deeply loyal fan base. Internally, Hamill had conditioned his return to what his old



pal Harrison Ford decided, since for him "it was like reforming the group — if the drummer doesn't come back, the bass player doesn't come back, the lead singer ... It's not a true reunion."

And to his surprise, Ford jumped on the bandwagon (sorry, we had to). And just like that, the gang was all there.

"Everyone is coming back, the fans will hate me if I say no, and I'm

sure I wouldn't say no, but Harrison was the catalyst," Hamill recalls.

Despite being one of the actors of the original trilogy, Hamill didn't feel the need to teach his newer cast mates a thing, and considers

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Currently on a eight year run at his residency at the famous Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, Ivan arrives in Boston on **Dec 26th** and **27th**. Returning to the historic and newly renovated Boston Park Plaza for his third time, he will bring a new set of incredible illusions

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"It's about time to re-meet Mark's Skywalker." LUCASFILM

each one "accomplished on their own." And with names like Oscar Isaac, Domhnall Gleeson, Andy Serkis, Gwendoline Christie, Benicio del Toro and Laura Dern on the roster, humbly admits "they don't need

advice from me! If anything, I should be the one asking for advice."

With so many big names, and with a franchise of this size, how was it possible to keep things as secretive as they have for the

Dec. 15 premiere of "The Last Jedi," especially considering the whole "I am your father" level of plot twists audiences can expect?

"It's so hard!" he reveals.

"The line written in the script (of "The Empire Strikes Back") was 'You don't know the truth — Obi-Wan killed your father!' It was a burden to keep the secret, but there were so many extras playing Stormtroopers ... and within three days of filming that scene, the cover of one tabloid was: 'Guinness head baddie in Star Wars 2.' I was so thrilled that they leaked fake information!"

Three days seems like forever in the modern 24-hour TMZ cycle, so Hamill took to Twitter and wrote "People, please, keep the secrets of [Episode] VIII to yourself."

In the words of Yoda, "Do. Or do not. There is no try."

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This isn't Scanlan's first intergalactic rodeo.

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Metro spoke to Neal Scanlan, Lucasfilm's "Creature Creator," about the development of the adorable doe-eyed critters.



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The ever-increasing size of the hugely passionate Porg Nation is the only proof you need of just how popular the tiny creatures known as Porgs already are.

Which is particularly incredible because "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" isn't even out yet, so we've only briefly been able to meet them through film trailers. So for a bit more context, we sat down with Neal Scanlan, the genius behind so many beloved "Star Wars" extraterrestrials, and he broke down exactly how they came to be.

It turns out that we have director Rian Johnson to thank for the animals, as he was the first to insist that they'd populate the planet of Ahch-To, the home to the lonesome Luke Skywalker at the end of "The Force Awakens."

"The amazing thing about Rian as a director is that the first time we met he had the entire movie in his head," said Scanlan. "We could sit down and ask, 'What about this sequence?' And he'd be able to describe it very clearly."

"So he said to us, 'The place where Luke is, there happens to be

these little characters called Porgs.' So we were like, 'Oh my gosh! They have a name already.' When you close your eyes and say the name, it suggests something. 'Porg' is a great name."

Johnson went on to describe them to Scanlan as "sort of a cross between a puffin, a seal and a pug dog. With that information, we effectively just sketched away and played for several weeks."

The breakthrough came courtesy of a vegetable, though. "One day one of the guys came up with this drawing that looked like an oval potato, with little legs and big eyes," and the Porg was born.

Simplicity like this is



Porgs are apparently part potato, part precious. ALL PHOTOS: LUCASFILM

key to creature design.

"It was in the tradition of being a 'Star Wars' character," he shared. "You think of BB-8 [the R2-D2-adjacent character introduced in 'The Force Awakens' two years ago], there's a clear silhouette to BB-8. Any child can draw it."

And audiences will get their formal introduction to the feathery potatoes when "The Last Jedi" drops in theaters on Dec. 15.



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# Celebrate 'The Last Jedi' at these 'Star Wars'

Feel the Force with trivia, free lobster rolls and more. **MATT JULI**



You won't have to travel to a galaxy far, far away to join in on the hype for "Star Wars: The Last Jedi."

The latest installment in the epic, sci-fi saga finally hits theaters this weekend, and fans around the Hub are finding all sorts of ways to celebrate ahead of the new film's release. From trivia nights to seafood giveaways, Boston is

going all out for the upcoming flick.

Feel the Force at these "Star Wars" events around town.

## Luke, I am your lobster

You don't need to be a Skywalker to score free food, just someone who shares a name with one. Luke's Lobster is giving away lobster rolls on

Friday to anyone with Luke or Lucas as their first or last name. All you have to do is show an ID.

Dec. 15, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., various locations  
[lukeslobster.com/Luke-I-Am-Your-Lobster](http://lukeslobster.com/Luke-I-Am-Your-Lobster)

## Trivia at Trident Booksellers & Cafe

Fans will have a chance

to show off their "Star Wars" knowledge on the eve of "The Last Jedi" hitting theaters at a special trivia night, hosted by Trident Booksellers & Cafe. Teams of up to six can compete for a slew of prizes on Thursday night.

Dec. 14, 7 p.m.-10 p.m., Trident Booksellers & Cafe  
338 Newbury St. \$10, [tridentbookscafe.com/event/star-wars-trivia-night](http://tridentbookscafe.com/event/star-wars-trivia-night)

## "Star Wars" drive-in

Enjoy screenings of "The Last Jedi" under the stars at the Mendon Twin Drive-In. The fan-favorite, outdoor theater will be showing the new film all weekend, with tickets available on a first come, first serve basis. In addition to movies, the drive-in has plenty of snacks on hand, as well as a

beer garden, complete with fire pits so you can make your own s'mores. Dec. 14-17, Mendon Twin Drive-In, 35 Milford St., Mendon, \$27, [aceticket.com/phantom-gourmet-tickets](http://aceticket.com/phantom-gourmet-tickets)

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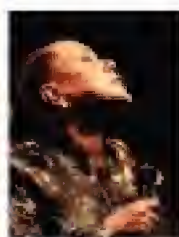


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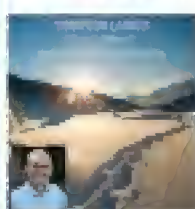
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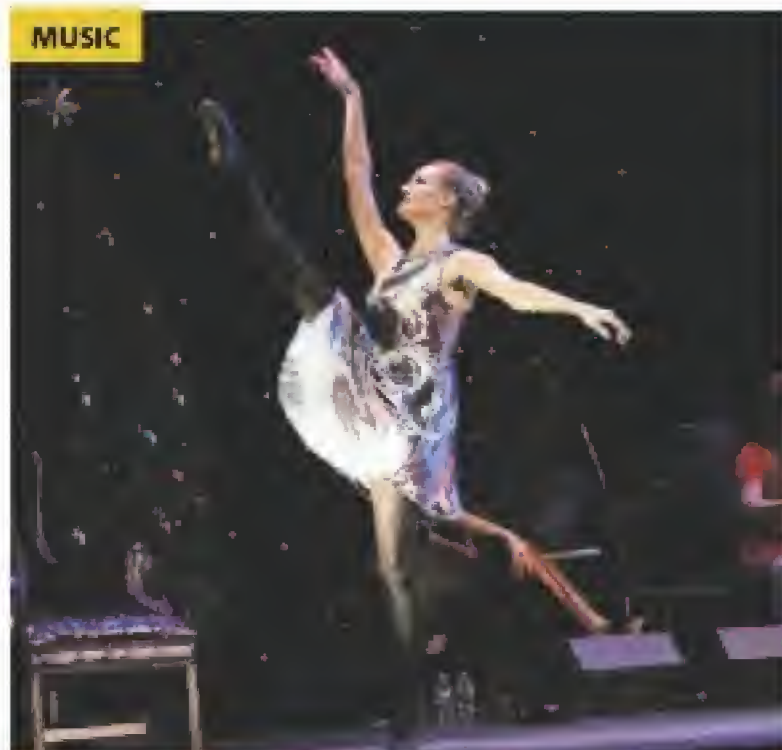
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## MUSIC

## Country 102.5 Holiday Jam

There's this weird idea that there aren't many country fans north of the Mason-Dixon line. Country musicians know this isn't true, and three big names grace chilly Beantown this weekend: LOCASH, a duo best known for their 2016 hit single "I Know Somebody," the hunky Canadian brothers known

## MUSIC



## A Christmas Celtic Sojourn

Each Christmastime, WGBH Celtic music DJ Brian O'Donovan hosts a stacked lineup of music and dance from across the Celtic diaspora. This year's band, led by Solas frontman Seamus Eagan and Scottish singer Maeve Gilchrist, includes faces new and old, such as Uilleann pipes virtuoso Joey Abarta and a 15-year-old fiddle prodigy named Haley Richardson. Plus, as always, the Harney Academy of Irish Dance.

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as High Valley, and Danielle Bradbery, 2013 winner of "The Voice."

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## GAMES

## Holiday musical bingo

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Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Shake Shack, 234 Newbury St., \$25, projectbread.org/bingo

## MOVIES

## Inside "The Room"

In recent years, the unintentionally hilarious 2003 indie drama "The Room" has become the reigning champion of "so bad it's good" movies, with legions of fans. Those fans will want to come to this event, with "Room" co-star Greg Sestero showing his documentary on the (mis)making

of the film, leading a special live reading of redacted scenes and more.

Dec. 16, 11:59 p.m., Coolidge Corner Theatre, 290 Harvard St., Brookline, \$15, coolidge.org

## COMEDY

## Stavros Halkias

South Shore Boyz presents this comedy showcase headlined by Stavros Halkias, known for his radio appearances and his raunchy podcast—presumably a riff on "Piss Town" but not a parody of it. Actually, it's a comedic sex advice show, and once you witness Halkias you'll understand what a (perfectly) bad idea that is. Philadelphia comic Chris O'Connor will open.

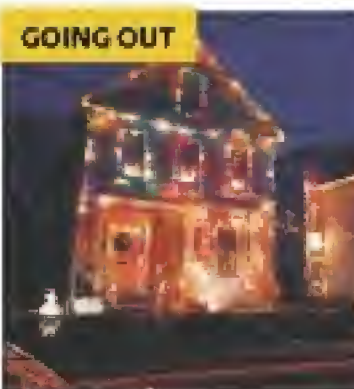
Dec. 16, 8 p.m., House of Blues, 15 Lansdowne St., \$12, houseofblues.com/boston

## SHOPPING

## CraftBoston Holiday

One of two annual showcases put on by the Society of Crafts, CraftBoston is as much an art

## GOING OUT



## Somerville Illuminations Tour

Hop in a trolley for a tour of some of the most festively lit neighborhoods in Somerville. The Somerville Arts Council, organizer of the tour, describes such holiday decoration as "folk artistry," and holiday lights surely have always been a prime venue for self-expression. Some homes are religious, others secular, some stately and reserved, others completely over the top, as it should be.

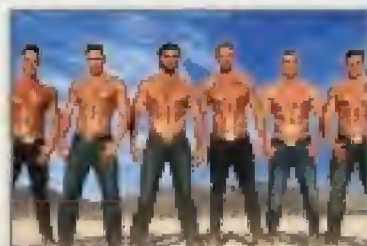
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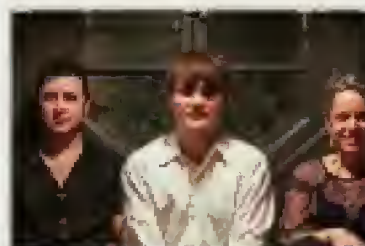
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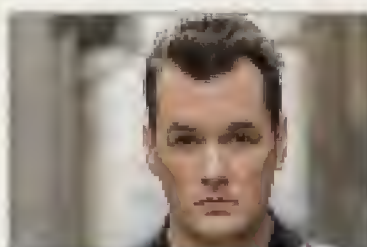
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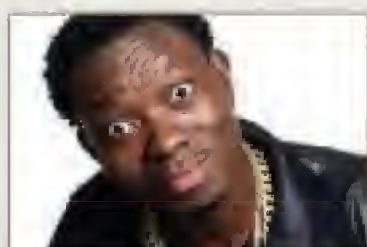
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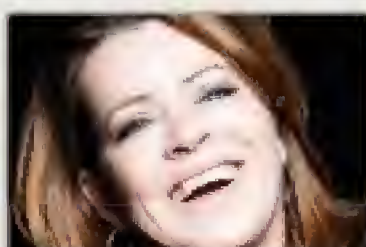
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GOING OUT

**Tantra speed date**

If you're burnt out with OK Cupid, Tinder, or whatever's the app du jour, you might try coming to this singles event, which employs ice-breaking techniques, some drawn from tantra yoga, to help cut through all those pesky psychological defenses and tedious small talk. Perhaps you'll make a match. If not, at least you'll have

something to post about. Dec. 16, 5 p.m., Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave., Somerville, \$35-\$60, [artsatthe-armory.org](http://artsatthe-armory.org)

PODCASTS

**"Up and Vanished" Live**

Come to a live recording of "Up and Vanished," a mystery podcast revolving around the disappearance of a young woman, Tara Grinstead, in Georgia in 2005. The case file is the largest in Georgia history, but it remains unsolved—unless host and amateur sleuth Payne Lindsay cracks the case! Fans of "Serial" should check this out if they aren't already fans.

Dec. 17, 7 p.m., Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont St., \$30, [thewilbur.com](http://thewilbur.com)

WRESTLING



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### Forces of Destiny girls' T-shirt

Now that "Star Wars" is a Disney property, we're getting tons more kids merchandise. Target's entire line of "Star Wars" clothes for girls is darling, especially the ones celebrating the franchise's growing ranks of female characters. \$9.99, [target.com](http://target.com)

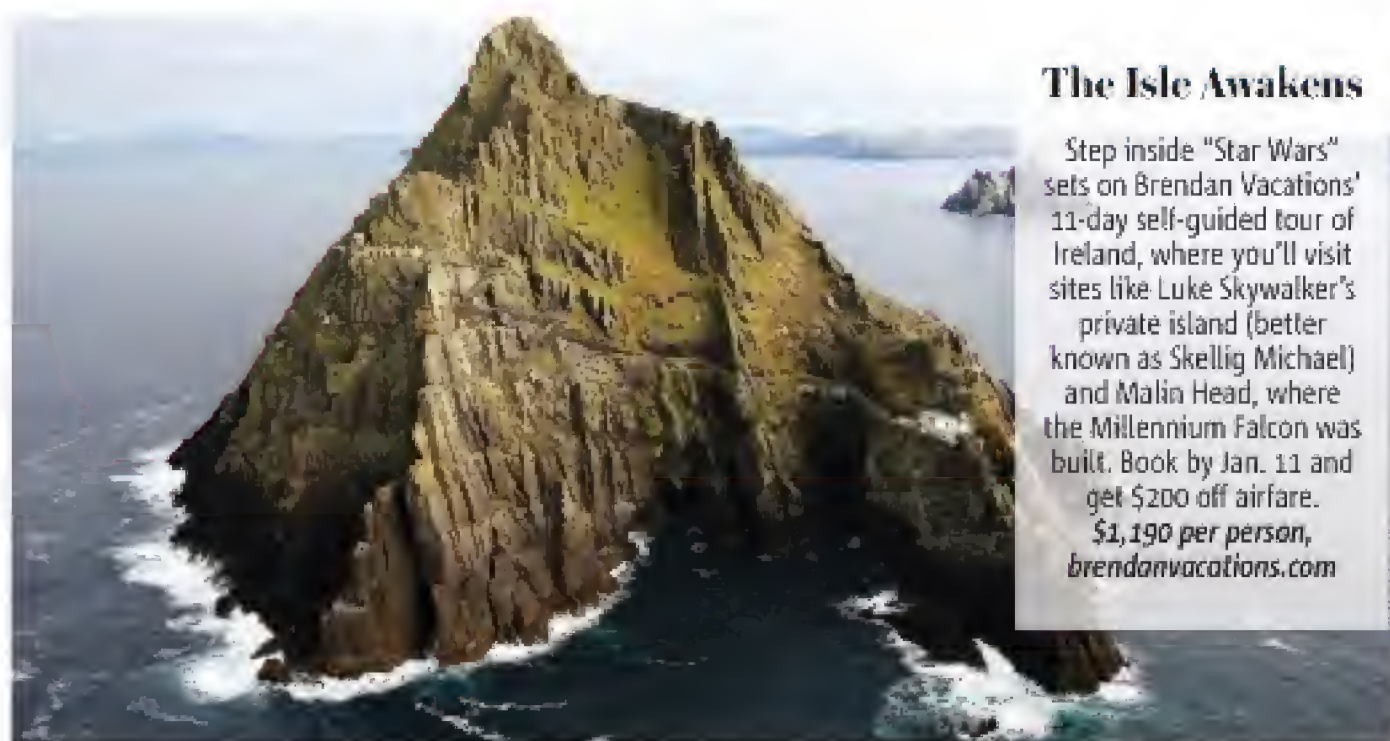


### Kane Darth Vader backpack

State Bags' classic lines and clean designs turn Darth Vader, stormtroopers and even C-3PO into stylish backpacks for all ages (this one fits a 13-inch laptop plus all your gear). For each purchase, State also donates a backpack full of school supplies to a child in need here in the U.S. \$95, [statebags.com](http://statebags.com)

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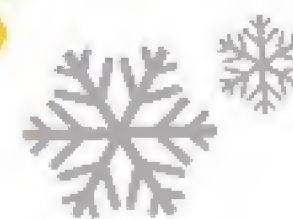
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# Gifts for *commuters*



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The North Face Resistor Charged Backpack doesn't just hold everything you'll need for the day, but it also packs a punch of juice for your hand-held devices (3.5x a full cellphone battery). It features a removable, water-resistant battery pack; a padded, fleece-lined tablet pocket; a phone cozy; a 13" laptop compartment and still has room for last night's leftovers or gym shoes for lunch hour.

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## ..... Hear it

Earbuds are out — now that we're in scarf season (and living in 2017) there's no need to hassle with cords. There are plenty of wireless headphones on the market at varying price points, but if you're going to opt for the best, look no further than Bose. Their QuietComfort 35 Wireless Headphones make the most of today's Bluetooth technology and aren't just noise-cancelling and able to handle your calls, texts and tunes — they have Google Assistant built in. "Google, is my train running late AGAIN?" Actually, you don't need these to know the answer is always "yes."

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## ..... Eat it

Sure, lunch boxes were way more fun when they had cartoon characters on the outside (not to mention on the Thermos). But if it's time to find a practical present, the Rubbermaid LunchBlox Sandwich Kit's both affordable and awesome. It includes modular containers that snap together, including a blue ice freezer pack that can keep chosen compartments chilly. They're microwave, dishwasher and freezer safe, and don't have any of those nasty BPAs. \$5.85 on Amazon



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## ..... Juice it

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# The absolute *best* gifts for *plant lovers*



Being into plants is very in this year. And it's easy to see why: Not only are plants good for you, but they make your surroundings look good, too. Still, when it comes to keeping green things, well, green, some of us are better than others.

Here are nine perfect gifts for plant lovers — from the ones with Instagram-worthy, flourishing indoor gardens to the ones that kill everything they touch. No judgement! **RACHAEL VAUGHAN CLEMMONS**

THINGS BY HC



## Crown print

This poster, by Instagram famous plant aficionado Hilton Carter, comes with a generous helping of street cred. Also it is very pretty. \$30, [thingsbyhc.com](http://thingsbyhc.com)

## Cut-glass plant mister

Misting might be a mystery to you — but your plant loving friend with a humidity loving Birds Nest Fern will thank you for this vintage inspired glass mister. \$14, [terrain.com](http://terrain.com)



TERRAIN

## Best Fronds enamel pin set

What's better than a set of BFF necklaces? A set of Best Fronds enamel pins — one for you, one for your favorite plant kween.

\$18, [foliacollective.com](http://foliacollective.com)



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## Eric Trine octahedron ring planter

Perfect for the design fiend in your life, this wire planter gives a regular old pot an instant upgrade. \$55, [poketo.com](http://poketo.com)



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### Neon pothos

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## Cut-out for a cut-up

You've probably seen these at the 2017 weddings, bat/bar mitzvahs and reunions you've attended, and if there was an open bar we're sure you enjoyed the prop. So why not customize a cut-out for your friend to make every occasion a special one? The border is printed on plastic sign material and clocks in at 28" by 40" (fitting three-four people). \$60 on [SocialCutOuts.Etsy.com](http://SocialCutOuts.Etsy.com)

## Smart AND sassy

For the public-radio-listening, newspaper-reading, thinking people on your list, buy a bunch of buttons or magnets that will help them flaunt their intelligence. Because we should all have an "NPR Mind in an Instagram World." From \$2.50 on [Etsy.com](http://Etsy.com), [ThePixelPrince.com](http://ThePixelPrince.com)



## Snap that

Although your giftee lives in the digital domain, allow them access to something tangible. The Fujifilm Instax Mini set includes a whole raft of goodies, including a selfie lens, camera bag and, most important, the ability to print out the best of those Instas. \$19.99 on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)



## Case the joint

Every snapper needs to clap a case on their precious phone, lest they suffer the tragedy of a cracked screen. But rather than the generic black plastic model, get a custom case featuring your favorite pic. Choose matte or glossy treatments, and the option of backgrounds or overlaying text ("Call your mother!" with a family shot might not be subtle, but will hopefully get the job done). From \$44.99 on [Shutterfly.com](http://Shutterfly.com)



## Book smarts

Social-media mavens aren't born with a billion followers (unless they're the latest Kardashians) — likes are learned. So "Read This If You Want To Be Instagram Famous" is the perfect book for the budding brand ambassador in your life. It includes advice from thought leaders, info on codes of conduct and some inspirational imagery. \$12.99 on [UrbanOutfitters.com](http://UrbanOutfitters.com)



## Coffee class

It can be taken as a little bit cheeky, but a coffee mug that declares your gift-ee as Instafamous will surely go down like a caffeine hit. \$13.95 on [Etsy.com](http://Etsy.com), [TheMuglyfe.com](http://TheMuglyfe.com)



## Bling thing

Carrie adored her name necklace back in the day on "Sex and the City," but if she were around this December she'd no doubt update her jewelry with an @ symbol. Customize a solid sterling silver piece on a choice of lengths of chain and your bud will have her calling card immortalized. \$39.99 on [Etsy.com](http://Etsy.com), [RonLiDesigns.com](http://RonLiDesigns.com)

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# Bitter cold and strong winds moving through Massachusetts

Get ready for single-digit temps and strong gusts. KRISTIN TOUSSAINT

Time to bundle up, Boston: Wind and bitter cold temps are moving through the area.

"The main weather story for today will be wind and cold," forecasters for the National Weather Service wrote.

Gusts could hit reach 40 to 50 mph across Massachusetts on Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service.

Those strong blows mean wind chills will drop into the single digits and teens, and the service has issued a wind advisory for most of Massachusetts. In Boston, expect 39 mph winds and an 8-degree minimum wind chill.

Even though the sun will be out, it won't add any warmth, according to AccuWeather. "Wednesday will be the coldest, and definitely the coldest-feeling day of the season so far across



Better bundle up for the cold temps. GETTY IMAGES

most of the Northeast," AccuWeather Meteorologist Brian Thompson said.

As temps stay low, the south coast and Islands may see some snow Thursday that could impact the morning commute. Forecasters are giving Boston a "slight chance of snow" Thursday.

Though the wind is expected to ease up on Thursday, the afternoon

could still see gusts of 20 to 30 mph and "another unseasonably cold day with highs [in the] mid 20s to lower 30s," the National Weather Service reported.

These arctic temperatures will be sticking around for a while. High temps on Friday will remain "below freezing for most areas," the weather service said, though the south coast, Cape Cod and

the Islands may see an increase, moving up to the lower to mid 30s.

On Saturday, expect highs in the mid 20s to lower 30s again, and a cold night with temperatures in the teens. On Sunday, Massachusetts could see some snow showers in the afternoon, though it may mix with rain, forecasters warn, before changing back to snow showers Sunday night.

Finally, there will be some relief from the bitter cold by Monday, when this cold front pushes offshore and forecasted temperatures will be "close to seasonal levels," reaching a high around 42 degrees.

When it's colder than 40 degrees, Boston officials warn resident not to leave infants or children outdoors for long periods of time, and to check on elderly family and neighbors.

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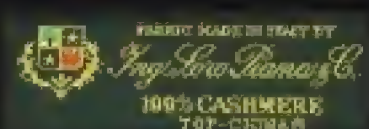
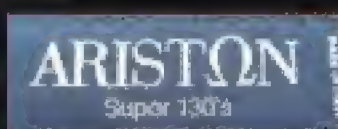
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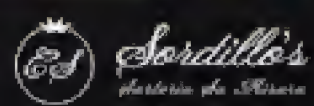
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# Harvard is penalizing single-gender social clubs, but sororities plan to recruit anyway

Three Harvard sororities say they will be recruiting freshmen next year, even though the university is cracking down on such social organizations. **KRISTIN TOUSSAINT**

Harvard has long debated cracking down on its single-gender social clubs, and university officials recently announced that by

the start of next semester, the college will finalize a plan to penalize members of such organizations.

Though the school

has stepped back from its suggestion to completely ban fraternities, sororities and other social clubs, the news about upcoming

penalties has still upset some groups.

Despite the threat of penalties, three sororities at Harvard said in a state-

ment on Tuesday that they will still host their recruitment processes for all freshman women next semester.

"This is the spirit in which Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, and Kappa Alpha Theta were established during the early 1870s," the sororities said in their joint statement, titled "We Believe Women Should Make Their Own Choices."

There already are penalties for being involved in these single-gender clubs. Harvard announced in May 2016 that members of such clubs would be barred from leadership positions and certain fellowships at the school. That went into effect with freshman this year.

The three sororities acknowledged that their statement to include freshman women as members and in the recruitment process next semester violates the current sanctions in place, but they argue that female-focused spaces are important to the development of women on campus.

"These sanctions have been touted as a response to the recommendations

of a report on sexual assault prevention," the statement reads. "Yet penalizing our future members for their involvement in a sorority in reality denies them access to member-driven education and support systems shown to be effective in battling sexual assault, as well as alcohol abuse, mental health issues, and the particular challenges inherent in college life."

"Further," it continues, "while Harvard's sanctions claim to support women's right to make their own decisions, these sanctions actually force women to choose between the opportunity to have supportive, empowering women-only spaces and external leadership opportunities."

Dean of Harvard College Rakesh Khurana told the Harvard Crimson last week that the single-gender club penalties will be announced at the start of the spring semester, which the Crimson notes is also when sorority recruitment begins. Only one Harvard sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma, was not part of the statement, the Crimson pointed out.

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Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta, in a statement.



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# Cannabis commission exploring ways to help communities hurt by pot ban

The Cannabis Control Commission is looking into how the new marijuana industry can benefit those affected by earlier laws against weed. **STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE**

As it works to build a new industry from the ground up, state marijuana regulators on Tuesday wrestled with how Massachusetts' newly legal marijuana industry could be more accessible to racially and economically diverse communities and how the industry could benefit groups that were disproportionately affected by the enforcement of marijuana prohibition.

The Cannabis Control Commission adopted the frameworks for a priority review process for license applicants that demonstrate they have or will promote economic empowerment in disproportionately harmed communities and for a program that would provide business assistance to help people from such communities establish themselves in the industry.

The programs discussed Tuesday are intended to help spread the benefits of the regulated marijuana industry to people of varying socio-economic statuses and to help give a leg up for people who were convicted for their involvement in the formerly illicit marijuana market.

A license applicant would be eligible for priority review if they meet two of the following criteria: that a majority of the entity's ownership belongs to people who have lived in areas of disproportionate impact for five of last 10 years, that a majority of ownership has economic empowerment experience, at least 51 percent of current employees or sub-contractors reside in areas of disproportionate impact and that number will increase to 75 percent by the beginning of business, that at least 51 percent of employees have a prior drug-related conviction or that owners can demonstrate significant, articulable past experience of economic empowerment.

"If an applicant can show they meet the criteria the commission puts in place, the applicant will move ahead in line so hopefully they can open their doors sooner," Commissioner Shaleen Tide, who previously ran an industry recruiting firm focused on diversity and inclusion in hiring, said of the priority review proposal. "This is not a license designation ... this is about speed through the process."

State law requires the CCC to adopt in regulation "procedures and policies to promote and encourage full participation in the regulated marijuana industry by people from communities that have previously been disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition and enforcement and to positively impact those communities."

The commission approved an equity program Tuesday that would provide applicants and licensees with fee waivers and technical assistance with business management, recruitment and employee training, accounting and sales forecasting, tax prediction and compliance, business plan creation and operational development, and marijuana industry best practices.

An applicant or licensee would be eligible for the equity program if a majority of owners have resided in areas of disproportionate impact for five of the last 10 years, or have a prior conviction for a drug offense, or have a parent or spouse who has a prior conviction for a drug offense.

The CCC agreed to dedicate its Jan. 9 meeting to having a detailed discussion of how it will define "communities that have previously been disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition and enforcement" using arrest data and economic factors.



Massachusetts voters approved a legal recreational marijuana bill in November 2016. **GETTY IMAGES**

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# A wild ride back in time

Portugal's Peneda-Geres National Park is an underexplored destination unique in every way.

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Most visitors to Portugal make a beeline for the beaches or head straight to the hippest cities of Lisbon and Porto. But while this pocket-sized country on the Iberian peninsula seems to be on every traveler's European must-go list right now, one of its most astonishing attractions remains refreshingly under-the-radar.

Forget the golden sands and blue skies of the Algarve, the Alentejo, or the Lisbon Coast — at Parque Nacional Peneda-Gerês, the terrain is rocky, rugged and mountainous. The biodiversity is incred-

ible, with close to 250 types of vertebrate joining endemic species such as the gold-striped salamander and endangered Iberian wolf in making this deeply forested region their home.



The park is rich in historical and cultural heritage, from megalithic necropolis and traces of Romanization, to castles, granaries, ovens, mills, dams and mountain vil-



Peneda-Geres features plenty of man-made and natural attractions. GETTY IMAGES

lages, much of it well-preserved.

Adventurous travelers will find endless opportunity for high-adrenaline pursuits such as canyoning and caving, while hikers and runners can take trails that cut through crashing waterfalls and cooling natural pools, and wildlife lovers can marvel at the rugged grey mountains rising from green, green landscapes sprinkled with

colorful wildflowers such as the Gerês lily, a blue-violet flower endemic to the park.

Golden eagles soar through skies that may be a scorchingly clear blue in summer, or a seething mass of grey clouds from October through May (all that exuberant vegetation is the result of regular thunderous downpours).

While visitors are unlikely to have any up-close-and-personal encounters

with the wolves that roam the park, they are almost certain to encounter long-horned cattle wandering through the street, and catch a glimpse of garrano ponies—small wild horses that have free run of the land.

Ancient churches and other religious buildings dot the landscape, while the dramatic medieval bridge over the sparkling river Rabagão is said to have been built by the

Devil himself (it's commonly known as Ponto de Diabo) to help a bandit escape his pursuers.

Accommodation options at the park range from several well-equipped campsites, a youth hostel, and village inn to a relatively plush spa hotel on the edge of the park at Vieira do Minho. Many tour operators run trips here, and it can be visited as a side trip from Porto or Braga.

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# Explore ski history at this New England museum

Discover the curious and cool at the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum.

ERIC WILBUR

Every artifact might have its own story, but that doesn't mean a collection always carries a common theme.

Such was the contemplative background of the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum's new exhibit, "Curious and Cool," an eclectic mix of unusual and random items from the worlds of skiing and snowboarding, now on display in downtown Stowe.

"It has lots of the really fun, eclectic mishmash of stuff that people have collected and donated to the museum," says exhibit curator Meredith Scott. "It's kind of a celebration of all these people and their stories and the places throughout Vermont that these funny things represent."

Recent exhibits at the



Stop by the "Curious and Cool" exhibit at the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum. LEFT PHOTO PROVIDED; RIGHT PHOTO BY GETTY IMAGES



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ally old to really new," Scott says.

Among Scott's favorite pieces in the exhibit is a crafted mobile featuring two people riding a lift with little pieces of wood for their skis. Each pole has a piece of sequin as the pole basket and distinctively-patterned clothing, an oddity for sure, that didn't exactly fit the mold of the museum's previous exhibits.

While the evolution of skiing in general is on display, it's the recognition of the people behind the items that Scott hopes to highlight.

"When you're telling a distinct story, there are so many great things that should come out," she says. "The people are just so important."

museum have centered around ski fashion, or detailing the history of the National Ski Patrol. But with a number of imminent anniversaries to look forward to (it's been 30 years since the museum first opened in Brandon, Vt., and 15 years since it arrived in Stowe at the Perkins Building, which celebrates its own 200th

anniversary in 2018), Scott believes it just seemed like time to "get out all the fun stuff that never really fit into those nice, neat, themed stories."

Two years went into the planning of the exhibit, which opened Dec. 1 and runs through October. While some of the items have been exhibited in the past (including one of

the two gold medals Vermont skier Andrea Mead Lawrence won at the 1952 Olympics) much of it has been in storage over the years, giving Scott the opportunity to revisit the wealth of items she has collected over time and put away since becoming the museum's first full-time curator in 2002.

There's one of the

original chairs from Stowe's Ranch Camp, an old lumber camp that served as the beginning of the town's skiing reputation. There are samples of chairlift rope unraveled to reveal what it's made of. Burton's 2018 Olympic uniform is even on display, the only place to see the collection on exhibit.

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Meanwhile, Tom Brady has been good but just not his usual-MVP self lately. Brady has averaged just 239.3 passing yards per game in the past three weeks and hasn't gone for over 300 yards since the

blowout win over Oakland on Nov. 19.

That said, Brady usually saves his best performances for Mike Tomlin and crew. In a 27-16 regular season win at the Steelers in October 2016, Brady was scary efficient—completing 19-of-26 passes for 222 yards, two touchdowns and zero picks. He finished the game with a sensational 124.2 passer rating.

In the AFC title game in Foxboro this past January, Brady outdid himself as he completed 32-of-42 for 384 yards, three touchdowns and zero picks. He finished that one with a 127.5 passer rating.

## The Gronk factor

Rob Gronkowski will return Sunday for the Patriots after serving a one-game suspension for his dirty play against the Bills on Dec. 3.

Gronkowski had finally been getting back to "Gronk status" prior to the suspension as he caught five balls for 82 yards and two touchdowns against the Dolphins on Nov. 26

and had nine catches for a season-high 147 yards against Buffalo.

Not only was Gronk absent in the loss in Miami but offensive tackle Marcus Cannon, running back Mike Gillislee, linebacker Kyle Van Noy and defensive end Trey Flowers were inactive. Expect the Pats to have all hands on deck in this ultra-important game on Sunday at Heinz Field.

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## Silencing Bell

A big reason why the Patriots destroyed the Steelers in the AFC Championship Game last January is because they did not have to deal much with Pittsburgh running back Le'Veon "the king of hesitation" Bell.

Bell left the AFC title game in Foxboro with a groin injury after carrying the ball just six times for

20 yards.

This season, the Steelers look to be playing possum with Bell. Unlike in years past, the Steelers are limiting Bell's carries, except in games they absolutely need to have. Coming off a loss to Chicago in Week 3, the Steelers gave Bell the ball a season-high 35 times at Baltimore the next week Bell responded with a 144-yard rushing

performance with two touchdowns. Coming off a loss to Jacksonville in early October, the Steelers gave Bell the ball 32 times against Kansas City and Bell responded with a 179-yard rushing performance. Bell has not carried the ball more than 26 times in a game in nearly two months. Perhaps Pittsburgh has been saving him up for this Sunday. **MATT BURKE**



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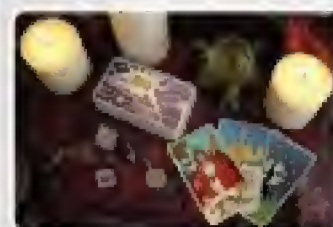
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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before **10:00 a.m. on December 28, 2017.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, **Brian J. Dunn**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 20, 2017

*[Signature]*  
Registered Probate

## INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. SU17P2314EA

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Estate of: **Susan Fischer**

Also Known As: **Susan Barbara Fischer**

Date of Death: **07/29/2017**

Suffolk Division

24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114

(617) 788-8300

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jeffrey H. Fischer** of Boston, MA. **Jeffrey H. Fischer** of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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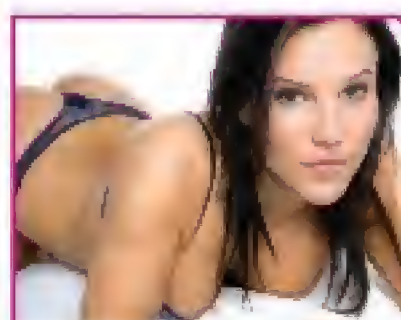
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## LEGAL NOTICES

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Basil Lewis, Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Fairfield Financial Mortgage Group, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated February 4, 2008 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 43061, Page 315, as affected by a Loan Modification recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 45298, Page 144, and as further affected by a Loan Modification recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 50788, Page 311 subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 44401, Page 201; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on January 4, 2018 at 88 Thetford Avenue, Boston (Dorchester), MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage,

### TO WIT:

The land with the buildings thereon in Dorchester, Suffolk County, Massachusetts being the premises numbered 88 Thetford Avenue and being Lot 3 on a plan by John N. McClintock dated April 8, 1913 recorded with Suffolk Deeds Book 3721, Page 427 bounded and described as follows: SOUTHWESTERLY by Thetford Avenue, forty two and 5/10 (42.5) feet; NORTHWESTERLY by Lot 2 on said plan, one hundred forty two and 68/100 (142.63) feet; NORTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of Dickey, forty two and 5/10 (42.5) feet; and SOUTHEASTERLY by Lot 4 on said plan, one hundred forty two and 14/100 (142.14) feet. Containing according to said plan approximately 6,039 square feet.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

### TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
Present Holder of said Mortgage,  
By Its Attorneys,  
ORLAND PC  
PO Box 540540  
Waltham, MA 02454  
Phone: (781) 790-7800  
16-002260

December 14, 2017, December 21, 2017  
and December 28, 2017

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

(SEAL)

## LAND COURT

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

### ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **John C. Jones** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. 50 33901 (et seq):

**Wells Fargo Bank National Association, as Trustee for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2007-FRE1, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Boston (Dorchester), numbered 176-180 Quincy Street, given by John C. Jones and Mamie N. Jones to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Fremont Investment & Loan, its successors and assigns, dated December 12, 2006, and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 40935, Page 289, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **January 8, 2018** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, **JUDITH C. CUTLER** Chief Justice of this Court on November 22, 2017  
Attest:

**Deborah J. Patterson**  
Recorder  
(16-014234 Orleans)

12/14/17

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## MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Jesus J. Vargas to BankBoston, N.A., dated April 30, 1998 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 22415, Page 271 subsequently assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to Fleet National Bank, successor by merger to BankBoston, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 57568, Page 222 and subsequently assigned to Bank of America, N.A. by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment recorded in said Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 57568, Page 226; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on December 28, 2017 at 14-16 Wordsworth Street, aka 14 Wordsworth Street, Boston (East Boston), MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage,

### TO WIT:

That part of said Boston called East Boston, with the buildings thereon now being numbered 14 and 16 Wordsworth Street, and being part of Lot 126 on R.H. Eddy's Plan of Section 4, recorded with Suffolk Deeds in Book 494 and bounded and described as follows: SOUTHWESTERLY on said Wordsworth Street, fifty (50) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY on Lot 125 on said plan, one hundred (100) feet; NORTHEASTERLY on Lot numbered 139 on said plan, fifty (50) feet; and NORTHWESTERLY on the remaining part of said Lot 126, one hundred (100) feet. Containing 5000 square feet of land, more or less and all according to said plan. For my title see deed of Anfilio Torregiani, et ux, recorded with Suffolk Deeds in Book 5065, Page 24 Also see Estate of Gina Gatti recorded at Suffolk Probate Court, Docket No. 93P0201. Also see Estate of Brunetta G. Gatti recorded at Suffolk Probate Court, Docket No. 97P2855.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

### TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

Bank of America, N.A.

Present Holder of said Mortgage,  
By Its Attorneys,  
ORLAND PC  
PO Box 540540  
Waltham, MA 02454  
Phone: (781) 790-7800  
14-000023

December 7, 2017, December 14, 2017  
and December 21, 2017

## CITATION ON PETITION FOR LATE AND LIMITED FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU17P2588EA

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## THE TRIAL COURT

## PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Estate of: **Catherine Mullaney**

Date of Death: **03/11/2014**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114

(617)788-8300

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by **Elizabeth Mullaney** of Boston MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Elizabeth Mullaney** of Boston MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/16/2018.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

### UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: December 05, 2017

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Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

## MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Frankie Washington to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Encore Credit Corp., a California Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated August 18, 2005 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 37883, Page 30 subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as trustee as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as trustee for certificateholders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I LLC, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-EC1 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Encore Credit Corp., a California Corporation, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 31188, Page 440; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on January 4, 2018 at 173 Stratford Street, Boston (West Roxbury), MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage,

### TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in that part of said Boston, formerly West Roxbury, being lot #51 on a plan by W. A. Garbell, Surveyor, dated October 12, 1870, and recorded with Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 5, Plan 186, and bounded and described as follows: NORTHEASTERLY by Stratford Street (formerly Irving Street) seventy (70) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by lot 52 on said plan, one hundred fifty (150) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY by lot 36 on said plan, seventy (70) feet; and NORTHWESTERLY by lot 50 on said plan, one hundred fifty (150) feet. T/R 8602/365.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

### TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee,  
successor in interest to Bank of America,  
National Association, as trustee as successor  
by merger to LaSalle Bank National  
Association, as trustee for certificateholders  
of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I LLC,  
Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-EC1

Present Holder of said Mortgage,  
By Its Attorneys,  
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Waltham, MA 02454  
Phone: (781) 790-7800  
16-011893

December 14, 2017, December 21, 2017  
and December 28, 2017

## MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Lori Perkins to ING Bank, FSB, dated August 18, 2003 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 32542, Page 001; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on January 4, 2018 at 125 Grove Street, Unit # 9, Boston (West Roxbury), MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage,

**TO WIT:** THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: UNIT #9 OF GLEN GROVE PARK CONDOMINIUM CREATED BY MASTER DEED DATED JUNE 1, 1982 AND RECORDED IN REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 9882 PAGE 264 AND SHOWN ON A PLAN RECORDED IN SAID REGISTRY OF DEEDS. THE UNIT IS SHOWN ON A PLAN RECORDED WITH THE FIRST DEED OF THIS UNIT TO WHICH IS ATTACHED A VERIFIED STATEMENT IN THE FORM PROVIDED BY G. L. C. 183A SECTION 9, AND CONVEYED SUBJECT TO AND WITH THE BENEFIT OF THE OBLIGATION, RESTRICTION, RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES CONTAINED IN G. L. C. 183A. THE MASTER DEED, THE DOCUMENTATION ESTABLISHING THE ORGANIZATION OF UNIT OWNERS AND THE BY-LAWS AS AMENDED OF RECORD. EACH OF THE UNITS IN THE CONDOMINIUM IS INTENDED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES AND SUCH OTHER USES AS SET FORTH IN THE MASTER DEED. THE UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST OF THE UNIT IN THE COMMON AREAS AND FACILITIES IS 1.2. FOR TITLE SEE DEED BOOK 21544, PAGE 320, SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, OIL, GAS OR MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD, IF ANY. THIS PROPERTY IS OWNED BY OR VESTED IN: LORI PERKINS, AS SOLE OWNER.

Upon information and belief the property is subject to a Senior Mortgage dated March 29, 2000 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 24796, Page 156.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

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Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

Capital One, N.A. successor by merger to ING Bank FSB  
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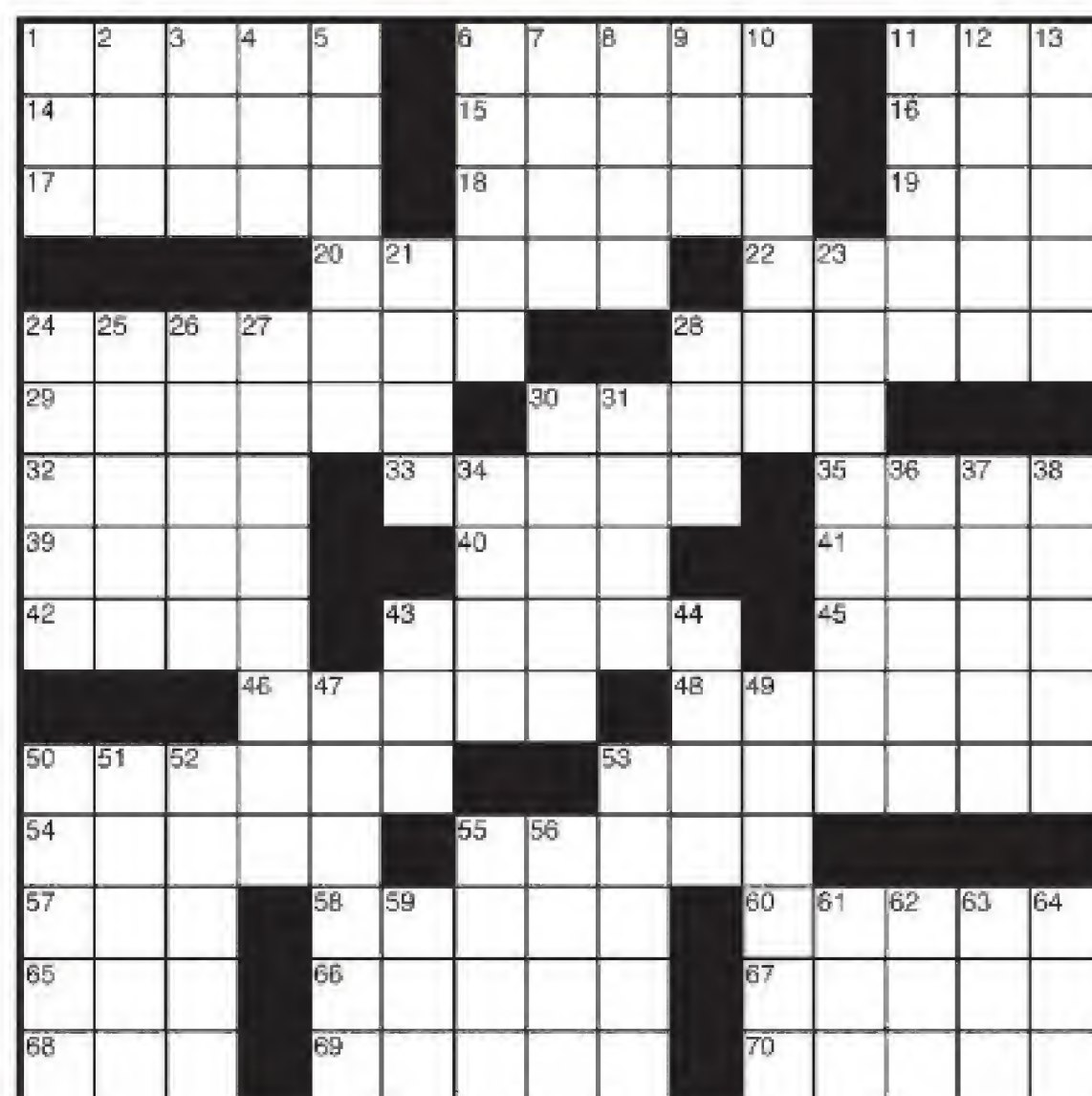
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**Aries** Discipline and hard work will pay off. Use your intelligence and experience to ward off a tempting offer from someone who has been a bad influence in the past.



**Taurus** If you share your emotions with someone you are close to, together you will come up with a unique plan that will help you avoid setbacks or additional debt.



**Gemini** Make travel plans or set up a business meeting that will help you decide how to move forward. Use your imagination and offer innovative ideas to seal a deal.



**Cancer** Plan a day trip or shopping spree or make plans to spend time with a loved one. A partnership can be taken to a new level if you discuss your intentions.



**Leo** Situations at home will be difficult to deal with if you have overspent or been indulgent in any way. You can have fun without going overboard. Put others first.



**Virgo** You'll learn through observation and mingling with people who are heading in the same direction as you. Networking functions will encourage you to develop new skills.



**Libra** Don't let someone from your past lead you astray or tempt you to get involved in something unsavory or imprudent. Use your intelligence and make wise choices.



**Scorpio** Emotional matters should be addressed in a unique manner. Catching someone's attention will help you flesh out some of the details necessary for successful plans.



**Sagittarius** Dig in and get things done. Your ability to turn something small into something big and meaningful will be impressive. Personal changes are encouraged.



**Capricorn** Check out your professional options. Using your skills in a different forum will lead to new possibilities. Personal changes can also be put into play.



**Aquarius** It will be difficult to contain your emotions. Don't let anger set in and take control. Opt to do your own thing, calm down and help those less fortunate.



**Pisces** Negotiate on your own behalf. Don't leave anything to chance or at the mercy of someone else's judgment. Get personal finances and documents in order. **EUGENIA LAST**

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